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Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

White Nainsook, \$1.59
12-yd. Pieces, Worth \$2 per Piece.

We bought 74 pieces from a manufacturer who decided to close out all that he had at \$1.59, and to discontinue making up any more at the present market price of cotton.

It's an extra fine quality that could not be made up to sell for less than \$2.00 per piece if the raw material was to be purchased to-day.

Supply yourself at \$1.59 per piece while our limited supply lasts.

Beautiful Silk Waists for Fall

They've started to come in, and one of the most interesting models is a beautiful Messaline in soft colors of corn, light blue, pink and white.

Yoke back and front of Val. lace and Baby Irish, with four rows of the same trimming down the front. Lace collar and cuffs; short sleeves, \$5.98.

Another style is in White Messaline, with a yoke of Val. lace and medallions of Baby Irish. Tucked front of Val. inserting; lace collar and cuffs, \$6.98.

**GOVERNOR'S TRIPS
NOT RESPONSIBLE**

Use of Flagship by State Executive Did Not Deplete Oyster Fund.

RESPIRE GRANTED TO PETERS

Governor and Mrs. Swanson Preparing to Spend Next Week at Exposition.

Governor Swanson spent yesterday in his office, having returned from the exposition on Tuesday night. When the Governor's attention was called to the article in The Times-Dispatch of yesterday concerning the exhausting of the funds allotted the Board of Fisheries for expenses before the end of the fiscal year, he dictated the following statement with reference to his use of the flagship Commodore Maury since the opening of the exposition:

"The Commodore Maury was used by me about two weeks during the opening of the Jamestown Exposition and about three weeks during the month of June, for the entertainment of visitors to the State, consisting of Governors, officials, commissioners and Losses from other States and foreign countries.

"Since July 6th the Commodore Maury has not been in use by me except for the trip to Onancock, when I had to hurry on account of the race trouble.

"The five weeks in which the boat was in use at the Jamestown Exposition was absolutely necessary in order to pay official calls to the various home and foreign vessels visiting there and for the entertainment of the distinguished guests of the State. All these guests have now been entertained and there being no further necessity for the use of the boat at the exposition, the chairman of the Board of Fisheries has been notified that I would have no further use for the Commodore Maury at the exposition.

"The funds appropriated for the Board of Fisheries will not be in the least impaired by any use which I have made of the Commodore Maury at the Jamestown Exposition, and I have reserved out of the fund provided for the Jamestown Exposition sufficient to pay for every expense in the operation of the Commodore Maury, including the payment of salaries of the officers and crew, and all other expenses incident to the Commodore Maury, whatsoever, incurred while in use by me.

"I have had no purpose to divert the funds provided for the use of the Board of Fisheries to entertainment at the Jamestown Exposition."

Respite Granted.
The Governor yesterday granted a respite until October 15th to George A. Peters, the white man who is sentenced to hang in Carroll county on September 24th for the murder of a preacher. The respite was granted at the request of Mr. Walter S. Tipton, counsel for Peters, who wishes time in which to prepare a petition for further clemency. It is said, however, that the man is a desperate character, and that the murder was a most brutal one, and unless there shall be some important factor discovered evidence very favorable to the prisoner, it is not believed the Governor will interfere further with the sentence of the court.

Back to Jamestown.
Governor and Mrs. Swanson will leave here for the exposition on Monday afternoon, to participate in Rhode Island Day exercises on Tuesday. They will attend Ohio Day exercises on Wednesday and Maryland Day exercises on Thursday. Upon each of these occasions the Governor will make an address.

Assessing Railroads.
A number of railroad officials were in the city yesterday for the purpose of further conference with the Corporation Commission concerning assessments on railroad property for the next fiscal year. There was no conference, however, and many of the officials had simply remained over from the previous day.

Annual Inspection.
Inspector-General J. Lane Stern has submitted to Adjutant-General Charles J. Anderson the following schedule for the annual inspection of the Virginia military: September 2d, Harrisonburg; September 4th, Front Royal; September 6th, Lynchburg; September 8th, Charlottesville; September 10th,

Farmville; September 10th, Lynchburg; September 11th, Danville; September 12th, Chase City; September 13th, Emporia; September 14th, Companies A and B, Richmond; September 15th, Companies C and F, Richmond; September 16th, Blues Battalion; September 17th, Battery A, Richmond; September 18th, Petersburg; September 19th, Fredericksburg; September 20th, Alexandria; September 21st, Warrenton; September 22nd, Culpeper; September 23rd, Newport News; September 24th, Hampton; September 25th, Norfolk; September 26th, Portsmouth; September 27th, Franklin; September 28th, Suffolk.

Brief Capitol Notes.
Governor Swanson has been notified that, owing to the recent death of the wife of Governor N. C. Blanchard, there will be no Louisiana Day at the exposition. The Louisiana Day at the exposition was to have been held on September 24th.

Angels Entertain.
An entertainment was given Thursday night in Randolph Hall, at Lee Camp Soldiers Home, by the West End Angels, under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Lucy, who secured some of the best musical talent in Richmond to assist in the program.

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A pleasant feature of the evening was a solo, entitled "Sing Under My Vine and Fig Tree," finely rendered by Mrs. Emmett Perkins.

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This solo, a love song, was composed by Mr. Charles Mallory Chewing, a veteran of the Home, who has passed his seventieth year.

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The West End Angels received a hearty welcome, as was shown by the large and appreciative audience that filled the hall to its utmost capacity.

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**RICHMOND SHOWS
GOOD HEALTH RECORD**

Mortality Among Whites for August Fraction Over Thirteen Per Cent.

FIGHTING THE WHITE PLAGUE

Physicians Volunteer Services on Dispensary Staffs—Report of Dairy Inspector.

Based on a population of 112,000, the mortality statement prepared by the Board of Health for the month of August will show a fraction more than 13 per cent. The full record has not been tabulated, but this showing is so remarkably good that it will attract general attention. The white mortality for July was 19.02, the decrease for August, which is not regarded as a particularly healthy month, giving very strong evidence that the health authorities have removed the causes of fatal diseases to a very large extent.

Figures for July.
Excluding the non-residents, the mortality for July was even better than indicated above, the percentage of whites being 13.88, against 33.34 for colored people. The total number of deaths among whites was 102. Of this number 33 were less than one year of age, 32 were between one and five years, 10 between five and ten years, 18 between ten and 20 years, 16 between 20 and 40 years, and 16 between 40 and 60 years. Two deaths were due to suicide and five from other forms of violence. Among white patients there were only two deaths from typhoid fever during July.

As already stated, the report for August is not available, but the decrease in the death rate is worthy of close study.

That the poorer class of negroes often fail to secure the best medical attention may be gathered from the fact that in July 72 colored infants less than one year old died.

War on Tuberculosis.
The Health Department's campaign against tuberculosis in Richmond has been somewhat delayed by the inauguration of the pure milk campaign, and for the reason there is some difficulty in finding a location for tuberculosis dispensaries. Quarters, however, have been secured, and are now in process of alteration and repair. The dispensary for white patients will be at the old Ballard House, on Franklin Street, and that for colored patients at No. 412 North Third Street.

The following physicians have been appointed on the dispensary staffs, all having volunteered their services: Dr. B. L. Tullaferris, chief of clinic, and Drs. W. S. Beazley, W. H. Coffman, B. A. Ford, W. H. Parker, Douglas Vander-Hord, with Dr. C. M. Miller, throat specialist. Uptown Dispensary: Dr. J. B. Parker, chief of clinic, and Drs. Greer, Baughman, T. B. Leonard, J. Garnett Nelson, McGuire Newton, J. R. Williams, with Dr. A. C. Palmer, throat specialist.

Improving Milk Supply.
Monthly bulletins will hereafter be issued by the Board of Health, the first number being circulated yesterday. They will be prepared under the direction of Health Officer Levy and will be important to physicians and others in Richmond.

Improving Milk Supply.
The report of the Dairy Inspector shows most gratifying progress in the sanitary improvement of the milk supply. During the month 121 visits were paid to 70 different dairies, and 75 scores above 80 per cent. were secured. The average score for the month of June, only 3 dairies were found scoring under 30 per cent. of those visited during June. In July 28 dairies scored 80 per cent. or better, against 40 per cent. in June. In June none of the places visited scored above 60 per cent. while in the month just passed 1 (or 18 per cent. of those visited) scored above 80 per cent., and one of them over 90 per cent.

"It is but fair, however, to say that the June work was largely confined to the worst places. Still, these same places were all visited again in July, and the improvement is strongly brought out in the above comparison. During the month thirty-five new milk houses were completed, under orders of this department, and eight more were begun, making a total of forty-two new milk houses completed since May 1st, with eight under construction. It was necessary to revoke nine permits for producing milk, a total of sixteen thus far. No permits were suspended this month. Three of the producers whose permits had previously been suspended continued to sell milk. These cases were reported to the Police Court, and they were fined the sum of \$10 each."

GAVE THEM AUTOMOBILE RIDE.
City to Entertain Accountants Coming Here for Convention.

Arrangements for entertaining the National Association of Comptrollers and Accountants, which will meet at the Jefferson Hotel on September 16, 17 and 18, are being completed. Probably one hundred delegates from all parts of the country will attend. The special entertaining committee, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is in charge of the arrangements. Ten big cars have been chartered, and while here the convention members will be carried to all the interesting points in and around Richmond.

DR. COOPER ABROAD.
Former Richmond Pastor Spending Vacation in England.

Rev. George Cooper, D. D., former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Richmond, and now of Jacksonville, Fla., is spending his vacation abroad. Dr. Cooper is dividing his time between Glasgow, Scotland, and London, England, where he has preached every Sunday since he landed in London. He is the guest of Mr. John Spreull, a former resident of this city and an uncle of Mrs. B. A. Blenner.

Keep Company Intact.
The Negro Development and Exhibition Company, of which Giles Jackson is director-general, has decided to keep the company intact after the show closes for the purpose of operating several negro manufacturing establishments, and selling local and foreign markets the articles that are now on exhibit in the negro department.

New Attractions.
Magnolia Park, the negro Coney Island here, is now installing several new attractions, and two first-class playgrounds, which will open up there to-night. The managers are exerting every effort to make the resort the leading colored amusement park in the South.

**CUPID WORKING ON
DOUBLE TIME NOW**

Little God Does Not Belong to Union or Stop at Eight Hours.

MANY MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lawton Crutchfield Tells How Old Records Are Being Shattered.

If the record of the early September days is maintained, more marriage licenses will be issued by the Clerk of the Hustings Court for 1907 than in any former year. There was no one around the court on Monday to issue licenses, but fifteen were given out Tuesday and yesterday, and the end of August, usually a dull period with the little god Cupid, is the beginning of the happy season for those anxious to wed. Even June, the month of love-making and flowers, may be put in the shade, and the first thirty days of the fall will rush away with the honors.

Like the female, around whose heart he works, the little Cupid is somewhat irregular in his visits. Last year 1,006 licenses were issued in Richmond. There were 925 more or less happy pairs in 1905, 947 in 1904, 890 in 1903, and 936 in 1902. The indications are that the one thousand mark will be reached long before the end of December.

Crutchfield Holds Record.
Mr. F. Lawton Crutchfield, for fourteen years chief deputy in the clerk's office, will retire from that judicial establishment on October 1st. He has written more marriage licenses than any other man in Virginia, and his happiness and trouble are brought to say. However, that is not a part of his business. He is one of the few men in town with the right to demand the age of a blushing girl and he brazenly writes it in a ledger, and all the world is to read it. Then he turns the next like the fabled barber, and forgets in the night.

When he leaves the court Mr. Crutchfield will attend to the more substantial wants of those he has helped to wed, for it will be his business to supply them with homes, where the June brides will become the busy housewives, and where there may be no more love-making. But he will take no account of that.

"They are coming rather fast these days," said Mr. Crutchfield yesterday, as he handed a slip to a young man, who accepted it with a strange look of emotion. "Fifteen in two days is going some."

The deputy picked up a memorandum which had the name of a young man who had been denied a license if he applies for it. His parents notified the clerk that the boy was not sixteen years of age, and there were reasons why he should remain single for some time. However, he will not be rewarded for his labor if he shuffles in.

Can Wed at Twelve.
"Under the laws of Virginia," said Mr. Crutchfield, "a girl may take out herself a husband at the age of twelve, provided the parents are willing. I don't remember fixing up one so young as that, but many have launched upon the expedient of matrimony at that age, and some have taken chances with it at the age of eight. Sometimes the bride comes in with the groom, and I have known cases where they positively refused to give their age."

Often when negroes come in they are unable to give the names of their parents, and ago with them is like so much Sanskrit. They can't specify. Not infrequently they make guesses, and the clerk has to mark. The other day a negro preacher applied for a license. I was sure I had seen his face before, but he said I didn't know him. He said he was a widow, and he had been married and given a license six years ago. He said he had eloped with an usher in the church and that she was subsequently killed in a railroad accident in North Carolina. As he talked of his trouble he started to weep, but I brought him back to the base by asking about the girl. He said she was his wife, and then he smiled. We saw many strange people in this shop."

OFFICIAL RETURNS.
Committee Ascertains That Gravatt Has Over Three Hundred Majority.

The Senatorial Committee for the Thirty-second District, of which the office of Mr. E. L. C. Scott in the Library Building yesterday and canvassed the returns of the recent primary election. The committee certified that the official majority of Dr. Gravatt over Senator Wickham was 335, the latter having received 1,300 and the former 965 votes.

They were distributed by counties as follows:

King William	157	167
Hanover	332	555
Caroline	651	132
Totals	1,140	854

The committee is composed of the chairman of the three county committees, as follows: E. C. L. Scott, Hanover; W. A. Willeroy, King William; C. B. Conway, Caroline.

TO CONSIDER CLAIM.
Council Committee to Take Up Saunders Damages Suit.

The claim of \$10,000 damages against the city of Richmond for the death of Mr. Saunders, which occurred some weeks ago while he was at work in the excavation in Allen Avenue, will be considered by the Committee on Printing and Claims at a meeting to-morrow night. City Attorney Pollard and Lawyer Shelton, representing the heirs of Saunders, together with the witnesses for the city, are expected to appear. A satisfactory settlement can be made the claim will be paid, otherwise it will go to the courts.

**FEWER MEMBERS
IN CITY COUNCIL**

Pay for Representatives Also to Be Urged by Leaders.

SLOW ON CHARTER CHANGES

Committee Named to Suggest New Form Has Not Held Meeting Yet.

Although the members have been seeking from other places information which will aid them in arriving at some definite plan, there has been no regular meeting yet of the special committee from Council appointed to inquire into the advisability of securing amendments to the city charter, looking to the creation of a municipal Board of Control. It was explained yesterday that there is no particular reason for hasty action, as nothing in the way of changes can be ordered until the Legislature sanctions it. The main fight, however, will be on the floor of Council, which must first give its approval, and the understanding is, moreover, that the committee is not of one mind concerning the new system.

Wants Fewer Members.
One member of the committee will advocate a reduction in the number of Aldermen by one, from 13 to 12, and it would be possible to transact business more expeditiously and far more satisfactorily. If all the present members should retire from public life at the expiration of the present term there would be less opposition to the reduction scheme, but when it is known that there is a few desire re-election, there will be serious objection.

In December, 1897, Council defeated the movement to establish a finance commission by a vote of 13 to 10, and it did not reach the General Assembly. There is talk now of reviving that scheme. This commission would have had powers over the matter of appropriations, and its creation was strongly urged by many of the leading business men, not then or since in politics. It seems to be generally admitted, however, that Richmond's system of municipal government is out of date in many respects. The work is slow and tedious. It is not in keeping with the advanced idea of the age, and the business assumes such proportions at times that the calendars are overcrowded and needed improvements and laws must wait. This it is claimed, is not so much the fault of the members as it is the fault of the system. It would not be necessary to secure the approval of the Legislature for modification of the rules of the Council, now enacted into an ordinance, and if these changes should provide for an executive committee the pigeonhole would not be constantly filled with pressing resolutions and the like. Time and again the business of the city halts because of the lack of a quorum. This is especially true when only routine matters are to be considered, and in the busy season a member must give a majority of his evenings to committee deliberations at the City Hall.

Charter Itself Wrong.
Though an amendment of the rules would be beneficial, the real cause of general complaint is found in the charter itself, and if the two houses will get together and agree upon an improved system it is said that the Legislature would approve it without question. The trouble, however, will be found in the City Hall, and not in the halls of the Senate. The special committee is composed of Messrs. Davidson, Pollard, Spence, Cary, Burdett, Whitte and Huber. Some time soon they will begin active work and some time later the Council will take a whack at their report. At the moment it does not appear that charter changes will have plain sailing, even when there is a persistent demand for them from thousands of citizens.

Gets Year This Time.
Wilbur Goddin (white), who was in the Police Court for being drunk on Tuesday, was back again yesterday, having on his release by Judge Spence. He was given a whole year in which to thoroughly sober up.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
WILL MEET HERE**

Several Hundred Patriotic Sons Will Assemble in Richmond This Week.

The Patriotic Order, Sons of America, have recently had a great convention in the city, and the members of the most magnificent pageants the city of brotherly love has ever seen, not excepting the outpouring of Elks there in July last.

The executive board of this order will hold its annual meeting in Richmond, September 24 and 25. It is expected that several hundred members of the order will attend. After the transaction of the business, which will then be the program of the day, a pilgrimage to the Jamestown Exposition. The sessions will be held at the Jefferson Hotel.

OFFICER EXONERATED.
Charges of Farmer Against Davidson Are Not Sustained.

Thomas Farmer, a German employed in the City Hall engine-room, was fined \$10 and costs in the Police Court yesterday morning for being disorderly and causing an abusing police officers.

Following the fine Mr. Farmer preferred charges against Officer E. M. Davidson, of the Police Station, who arrested him.

Yesterday afternoon the Board of Police Commissioners met in the Chief's office and heard his charges, completely exonerating Mr. Davidson.

Officer Davidson claims that Farmer was disorderly while in a beer garden with his wife and another couple. Officer Davidson went in to remonstrate with them, and Farmer used abusive language, for which he was placed under arrest. Officer Davidson testified that at the police station Farmer was abusive, still cursing the officer who had placed him under arrest.

Brief Items Around Town

Dabney's: Mr. T. J. Reilly, of New York; Mr. R. T. Moore, of Bon Air; Mr. Cabell Bowles, of Goodland; Mr. W. T. Tucker, of Maidens; Mr. Stanley Guld, of Brooklyn; Mr. Herbert Brookings, of Dabney's; and Mr. Jennings, of Richmond. Mrs. J. S. Guld chaperoned the party, which traveled the moonlit and shadowy roads for about twenty miles.

Mr. George H. Blake, of Fauschdale, Ala., formerly of Virginia, after an absence of many years, is visiting his sisters at No. 18 South Harrison Street, and would be glad to see his friends.

Dr. W. S. Beasley, who has been spending his vacation in the mountains, has returned to the city.

Miss Sarah Haebler has returned from a month's visit to relatives in Albemarle county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Todd are at home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Todd, of Staunton, Va.

Miss Nannie Lewis Stamper left Wednesday to spend a week with friends in Norfolk, Va.

Germania Lodge, K. of P., held a meeting at Elkton Camp Hall last night. Many visiting pythians were present.

A Sale for Everybody.

The last sale of the Season Showing the most extensive reductions of the Season.

Hundreds of Men's and Boys' Suits at Strictly Half-Price.

Gans-Rady Company

MEXICANS STOLE A MARCH

ON 23D INFANTRY BAND

Lingered in Rear, Learned Coveted Air Denied to Them and Then Began Playing With All Their Might.

An amusing story is told at the Jamestown Exposition of the musical war waged between the Mexican Band and the band of the Twenty-third United States Infantry, which is encamped just outside the grounds. The leader of the Twenty-third Infantry Band some time ago wrote a march known as "The Twenty-third Infantry March," which has become the pride of the regiment, and which is played on all State occasions in which the regiment takes part. The march has never been printed, and is guarded very religiously.

About a week ago the captain who conducts the Mexican Band, and who is a full captain of cavalry in the Mexican army, made a request that a copy of "The Twenty-third Infantry March" be furnished to his band. The request was politely declined, the colonel of the Twenty-third were surprised and disgruntled to hear the Mexican Band play the celebrated Twenty-third Infantry March with as much dash as their own band. The march has now become one of the favorite pieces played by the Mexicans, who, it is said, are able to play any of that they have ever once heard without even having the selection arranged for orchestra.

**CITY HOME SCANDAL
IN LIMELIGHT YET**

Committee May Hear Echo at Meeting to Be Held This Afternoon.

LOVENSTEIN'S SUCCESSOR QUESTION OF GIRL'S AGE

Assistant Superintendent to Be Elected—Many Apply for Position.

Unless some unexpected turn develops the Committee on Relief of the Poor will hardly deal with the City Home scandal proper at the meeting called for 6 o'clock this afternoon. The specific purpose for which the members will assemble is to elect an assistant superintendent, to take the place made vacant by the dismissal of Isadore Lovenstein. Recently, the committee approved a suggestion that a pharmacist be engaged, and it is probable that the two positions will be combined, not only to save expense but to bring about closer relations, which are badly needed. There are a number of applicants. Several names have been mentioned and friends of certain candidates have said that enough pledges had been secured to elect, but there is more speculation than anything else.

In urging an appropriation for an investigation by an expert accountant Dr. Williams, a member of the Council and an active worker for the City Home, said that the committee is still on the track of the wood gratters.

While the expert is at work on the wood measurements he may be asked to look more carefully into the drug account, a recent investigating report having shown that there was no record of what disposition had been made of the drugs, or whether the quality came up to the requirements. Evidently there are interesting facts to be laid bare concerning the inner life of the institution.

**REVENUE OFFICERS
ARE GETTING BUSY**

Two Big Illicit Distillery Hauls Made in Southside Virginia.

United States revenue officers reporting to the Richmond office have made several hauls of illicit distilleries recently, and it is said that they have their eyes on several others, which they will go after later.

Special Agents L. S. Wolfe and L. F. Hunsborough have reported to Colonel Chapman's office that they captured a distillery in Halifax county. The plant was not in actual operation, but the officials say they found ample evidence that it was shut down only a short time ago. The officers discovered a quantity of corn whiskey, which they brought to South Boston to be used as evidence. No arrests were made in this case, though all the paraphernalia was destroyed.

Another big haul has just been reported in Mecklenburg county, where thousands of gallons of whiskey were captured. One of the most interesting stories in this connection comes from North Carolina, where it is reported that an illicit distillery was found and raided within five miles of the summer home of J. W. Reynolds, Commissioner Capers, in Transylvania county.

The Benefit Is Yours—

Leave off coffee 10 days and try

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